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SUBJECT: Approval of Orientation Flights in Army Aircraft

1. REFERENCE.

- a. Army Regulation 95-1, Aviation Flight Regulations, 1 September 1997.
- b. DoD 4515.13-R, Air Transportation Eligibility with Administrative Reissuance Incorporating Through Change 3, April 9, 1998.
- c. AR 360-1, Public Affairs Program, 15 September 2000.
- d. FORSCOM Supplement 1 to AR 95-1, 24 July 2003.

2. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to personnel assigned to or under the operational control of III Corps.

3. POLICY.

a. Federal Government officials, foreign officials and members of Congress and their staffs may be provided orientation flights. These flights should further the understanding of particular programs concerning the roles and missions of the DoD. Orientation flights are defined as "continuous flights in DoD-owned aircraft performed within the local flying area and terminating at the point of origin." Additionally, some public affairs activities qualify as orientation flights in DoD-owned or controlled aircraft, in accordance with Chapter 3 of DoD 4515.13-R.

b. When the operator's manual requires a pilot and copilot as minimum crew, two pilots qualified and current in the mission, type, design, and series aircraft to be flown are required. However, when an instructor pilot qualified in the mission, type, design,

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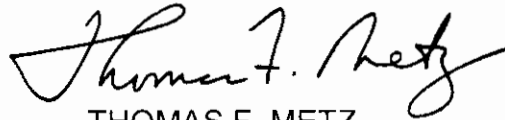
and series aircraft being flown is at one set of controls, the following additional personnel meet this requirement:

- (1) persons undergoing authorized training;
 - (2) personnel performing limited cockpit duties;
 - (3) aviation unit commanders, DA Regional Representatives to the FAA ,and MACOM aviation officers in the grade of O5 or above in operational aviation positions;
 - (4) personnel approved by the Corps Commander or Acting Corps Commander, but no lower than MG, in writing, when the following conditions have been met:
 - (a) the flight is for "determining the capabilities and/or combat effectiveness of the aircraft."
 - (b) night vision devices (NVD) or nap of earth (NOE) flights must be specifically authorized.
 - (c) the flight will be in visual flight rules (VFR) conditions.
 - (d) simulated emergency procedures will not be conducted.
 - (e) the flight is approved by the Corps Commander or Acting Corps Commander, but no lower than MG, providing the aircraft. If any of the above conditions cannot be complied with, a waiver may be requested from the FORSCOM Commander.
4. A written request for an orientation flight must be submitted to the III Corps G3 no later than 15 days prior to requested flight date. Once it has been determined the individual has met the criteria specified in paragraph 3a, and a legal review has been completed, a written request is submitted to the III Corps Commander. III Corps G3 will also provide a WARNO so the tasked unit will be prepared to execute if approved. The written approval/disapproval, signed by the III Corps Commander, will be passed back to the unit performing the orientation flight.
5. Non-DoD civilian passengers must sign a release of liability before riding on the aircraft. A sample release is contained in AR 360-1, Figure 10-1. The PAO should collect and file all releases prior to the flight.

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6. EXPIRATION. This Command Policy Memorandum will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas F. Metz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" and last name "Metz" clearly legible.

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